

OFFERTON WARD COMMITTEE

Meeting: 28 September 2010

At: 6.30 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Wendy Meikle (Chair) in the chair; Councillors Dave Goddard and John Smith.

1. MINUTES

The minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 26 July 2010 were approved as a correct record.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

3. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

The Chair reported that the 'You Say We Pay' which took place on Saturday 24 July at Dial park Primary school had been a great success Residents had been able to vote on which community groups received funding for projects on the Offerton Estate. As a result a number of events including fun days and football tournaments had been held over the summer all of which had been well received in the local community and well attended.

(ii) Neighbourhood Policing

PCSO Andy Goodwin (Greater Manchester Police) attended the meeting to answer questions from Councillors and members of the public in relation to Neighbourhood Policing issues within the Offerton Ward. The following issues were discussed/ issues raised:

- Burglary of dwellings and theft of motor vehicles
- Large numbers of youth gathering outside the Co-op on Fulmar Drive for an organised fight and the issuing of direction to leave notices. One youth arrested following the failure to comply with the direction to leave notice.
- An arrest on Bean Leach Road for erratic driving.
- Burglaries relating to insecurities
- The recent spate of armed robberies in Stockport and the subsequent arrest of eight people
- Patrols on Owens Farm Drive - investigations in relation to complaints of youth taking drugs near to the pond / camping and rod licensing
- The need for the public to report any instances of anti-social behaviour
- Problems associated with parking on The Fairway particularly during school drop off and pick up times

RESOLVED - That the PCSO Andy Goodwin (Greater Manchester Police) be thanked for his attendance and the Ward Committees concern at the problems associated with

illegal parking on The Fairway during school drop off and pick up times be referred to the Service Director (Environment).

(iii) Public Question Time

A question was asked and answered at the meeting in respect to the possibility of converting the overgrown Local Areas of Play on the Owens Farm Estate to hard standing and who was responsible for the maintenance of the Local Areas of Play.

(iv) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(v) Area Flexibility Funding

No applications for Area Flexibility Funding were received.

(vi) Environmental Services

Adam Cunningham (Area Conditions Officer) attended the meeting and answered.....

The following issues were discussed:

- Dog Fouling on Sundial Road
- The support provided by the Council for residents who wish to install cavity wall and loft insulation.
- Fly tipping on Larchwood Road
- The poor state of the land adjacent to the Golden Hind Public House and the possibility of pruning the trees and provision of lighting.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted

4. ISSUES AFFECTING THE OFFERTON WARD

Shearwater Road, Offerton

A representative of the Head of Area Governance submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) of the Service Director (Environment) explaining the potential costs and consequences for the installation of Lay - Bys on Shearwater Road, Offerton.

Councillor John Smith explained that there was no need to install lay-bys on Shearwater Road and clarified that he wished for a report on the possibility and costs to convert the various patches of grass and shrubbery on Shearwater Road to hard standing to combat any future maintenance costs.

RESOLVED - That the Service Director (Environment) be requested to submit a report to the next meeting of the Ward Committee on the possibility and costs to convert the various patches of grass and shrubbery on Shearwater Road to hard standing to combat any future maintenance costs.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the following dates be noted for future meetings of the Ward Committee:

Tuesday 7 December 2010 at 6.30pm - Warrenwood Primary School

Tuesday 15 February 2010 at 6.30pm - Warrenwood Primary School

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm.

